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MEMORANDUM FOR: All National Intelligence Officers
All NFAC Office Directors
Members, Senior Review Panel

SUBJECT : Country Priorities for NFAC Production Scheduling
and Analyst Development

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1. As a result of the work of the regional NIOs and the Directors of OPA, OER, and OGCR, the attached statement of country priorities for NFAC production scheduling and analyst development has been developed.

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2. This statement reflects a broad consensus that exists between the regional NIOs and the three Office Directors. Naturally, there were differences of detail among the persons who participated in drawing up this statement. For our present purposes--that of providing general guidance to NIOs and Office Directors for the scheduling of production and for the development of analytical expertise--I believe this statement suffices and I do not plan to hold any further meeting on it.

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3. The priority categories are broadly defined as follows:

Priority 1: Those countries of such continuing significant foreign policy concern that substantial in-depth analytical expertise must be developed and maintained.

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Priority 2: Those countries likely to be of continuing concern; in-depth analytical expertise is required but on a more limited scale.

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Priority 3: Those countries of lesser policy concern which can be satisfactorily covered by competent journeyman analysts, often as a secondary assignment.

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Unlisted: Those countries that can be satisfactorily
covered by monitoring of the daily current
intelligence flow as a secondary or lesser
order of attention. ☐

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4. The allocation of countries between categories expresses
current judgments respecting the ranking of individual countries
over the long run. These judgments are subject to change in the
light of future developments and will be periodically reviewed
for possible revision. ☐

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